

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Erdem for the indication of allowance of claims 2-65. In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004, Applicants have canceled claim 1, 36-37, 56 and 66-102, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have also amended claims 3-5, 14, 16-17, 26-29, 32-35, 38, 47, 49-50 and 60-63 so as to further clarify the subject matter of the present invention. New dependent claims 103 and 104 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in Figs. 1-9, and their corresponding sections of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Furthermore, Applicants note that an IDS was filed on December 29, 2004, after the issuance of the pending Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing document be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the document be made of record therein. Applicants respectfully request that the PTO-1449 form submitted with the IDS be initialed and returned to the Applicants so as to confirm the IDS was considered.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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